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SUBJECT: HIGH COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDS DENUNCIATION OF THE ALVOR
AGREEMENT

1. HIGH COMMISSIONER GENERAL CARDOSO TOLD ME JULY 28 THAT
HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO LISBON THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT
DENOUNCE THE ALVOR AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF NON-COMPLIANCE BY
THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND ESTABLISH SOME OTHER MODALITY TO
END THE STRIFE AND MOVE THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS FORWARD IN A
REASONABLY ORDERLY FASHION. HE CABLED LISBON ON THE SUBJECT
JULY 27 AGAIN ON JULY 28, AND PLANS TO SEND TWO MORE MESSAGES
IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

2. CARDOSO SAID THAT VIRTUALLY EVERYONE IN THE PORTUGUESE

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GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE TRIUMVIRATE AND THE ARMED FORCES

MOVEMENT, ARE CONVINCED THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO FIND A NEW FORMULA. UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, THINGS HAVE GOT SO FAR OUT OF HAND THAT ALL VIABLE ALTERNATIVES TO ALVOT SEEM TO POINT TO ACTIVE PORTUGUESE MILITARY INVOLVEMENT TO PACIFY THE COUNTRY. BUT THE PORTUGUESE HAVE SO REDUCED THEIR FORCES AND MATERIEL IN ANGOLA THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME CARRYING OUT SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY. ONE SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO THROW IN WITH MPLA AND UNITA AND DECLARE FNLA IN REBELLION. THIS MEASURE IS PROBABLY NOT WORKABLE FOR SEVERAL REASONS, ONE BEING THE STRATEGY OF UNITA PRESIDENT SAVIMBI TO REMAIN UNCOMMITTED UNTIL HE SEES A DEFINITIVE TREND. ANOTHER SOLUTION WOULD BE TO DROP THE MATTER IN THE LAP OF THE U.N. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE MFA REPS HERE ARE THROWING OUT A NUMBER OF OPTIONS TO LISBON TO GET SOME THINKING STARTED.

3. THE HIGH COMMISSION SAID HE WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL THE OAU CONFERENCE AT KAMPALA ENDS BEFORE DENOUNCING ALVOR IN ORDER NOT TO GIVE THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THE OPENING TO SAY THE PORTUGUESE DENIED THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. HE EXPECTS NOTHING OUT OF KAMPALA, BUT BELIEVES THE FORMALITIES MUST BE OBSERVED. SAVIMBI IS AT KAMPALA, AGOSTINHO NETO DECLINED THE INVITATION, BUT MPLA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBER LOPO DE NASCIMENTO MIGHT ATTEND. FNLA WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED. IN ADDITION, A DELEGATION FROM THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT COMPOSED OF UNITA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBER JOSE N'DELE AND SAYDI MINGAS FOR MPLA WENT AS OBSERVERS.

4. I ASKED WHETHER THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT OR ANY OTHER BODY WAS ATTEMPTING TO ACT AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE MPLA AND FNLA TO PUT AN END TO THE LATEST FIGHTING. CARDOSO SAID THAT THE ONLY EFFORTS BEING MADE ARE IN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL AND THESE THEY WILL LEAD NOWHERE. AFTER DEALING WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS FOR A YEAR HE HAS BECOME FULLY AWARE OF THEIR MEANNESS AND IS SO ALLERGIC TO THEM THAT HE BECOMES PHYSICALLY ILL WHENEVER HE SEES THEM. IT IS HIS FERVENT WISH, HE SAID, THAT ALVOR WILL BE CAST ASIDE AND THAT HIS CALVARY WILL SOON BE OVER, FOR HIS MISSION ENDS WHEN ALVOR IS DENOUNCED. THE DRASTIC MEASURES TAKEN BY THE PORTUGUESE ARMY AGAINST MPLA ON JULY 27 WERE BUT ONE MANIFESTATION OF THE DISGUST AND HATRED THAT HAS BUILT UP IN THE PORTUGUESE AS THEY

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HAVE WATCHED ANGOLA REDUCED TO RUIN IN A FEW SHORT MONTHS THROUGH THE AMBITION, AVARICE AND SAVAGERY OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE PORTUGUESE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH, THEY USED RESTRAINT, THEY HELPED OUT, THEY TURNED THE OTHER CHEEK, BUT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, SAID THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

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